QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY.

(but not taken up)

Supply of Electric Power to Puttur and *en route* Villages in South Kanara District.

Q.—192. Sri K. VENKATA-RAMANA GOWDA (Puttur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have proposed to take up the scheme for extension of supply of electricity from Mangalore to Puttur and surrounding villages ;

(*b*) if so, the probable date when power will be made available in Puttur ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) December 1958, subject to availability of line materials, etc.

Election to Board of Industries

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have to make an announcement. The election to the Industries Board has been postponed. I will fix the programme later on.

Member's representation

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU (Cubbonpet).—Sir, you were good enough to tell us some time ago that we were trying an experiment in this question hour. At the right and appropriate time when we are about to follow up any question, the procedure that we have adopted prevents us from getting our ideas completely cleared or getting full information, even though the Governmentis in a position to furnish us the best of information. If one is allowed to exhaust his questions, we will be able to get all the information and perhaps that will reduce the number of supplementaries. At the same time, we will make up for the loss of time resulting from our getting up, putting the question and sitting down. The purpose of the question Hour, if I understand it correctly, is to get the best of information. I was just watching a few members putting questions and when we were about to get the best of information, we were shut out from it because immediately the next man has been given an opportunity to put the supplementary. I only place this before you to consider or reconsider whether it would not be appropriate for us to go back on the procedure so that when one desires to have an interpellation, he may exhaust it fully. By that, we will have continuity as well as complete information about these questions.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What I am, at present, doing is, I am following the Lok Sabha practice. In Lok Sabha, in fact, on very important questions not more than five supplementaries are allowed, and on any other question, one or two supplementaries are allowed. I have gone thoroughly into the question and I find that I am allowing not less than 11 supplementaries to each question on an average. You will thus find that I have been more liberal. Suppose I allow the Hon'ble Member who tables a question to exhaust his supplementaries and then proceed to give chance to other members, then probably the number of supplementaries will increase to 20 to 25. Of course, if it is an important question, I do allow more supplementaries and an important question in this House has taken not less than 10 or 15 minutes and sometimes even half an hour. This being so, I am not in a position to accept the proposition of my friend Sri Deenadayalu Naidu. But I agree with him in this respect that I must give the person who tables a question a fair chance of putting the supplementaries. I have been doing that and if the supplementaries in the case of a person who tables the questions are about 20 or 25, it will be quite impossible for me to allow such a large number of supplementaries. After all, if the Hon'ble Members want to know exactly what is being done in the Lok Sabha, I can quote from the